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WEATHER

Precipitation was light averaging less than a tenth of an inch over the State. Temperatures were 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Readings were above normal early in the week followed by below normal after mid-week.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers and ranchers main activities this past week were finishing up fall harvesting, caring for livestock, and doing fall fieldwork. More fall fieldwork is apparently being done this fall, along with the increased interest in applying fertilizer at this time. During the survey period (November 23-29), farmers lost an average of nearly one day's fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies are short in 84% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies are short in 97% of the counties. Moisture is needed in most areas of the State for fall seeded crops, pastures and replenishing subsoil water.

Corn harvest is virtually complete throughout the State. Only one county reported 90% complete and all others are over 95% harvested. This is ahead of the State 5-year average of 85% and a year ago at 90%.

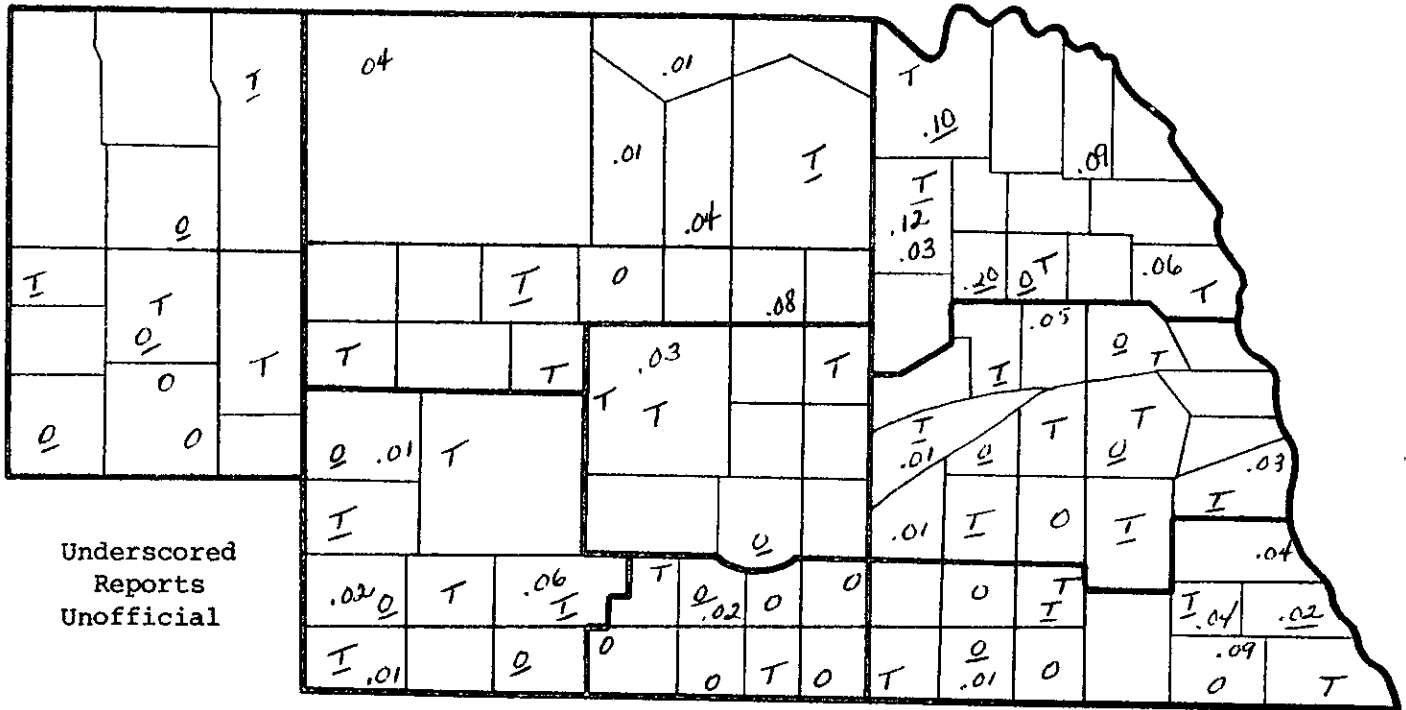
Sorghum harvest also is virtually complete over the State. All districts report from 97% to 100% harvested to date; this compares to the normal of 90%. A year ago harvest was also practically complete by now.

Wheat condition remained relatively unchanged from a week earlier. Of the counties reporting, 11% assess the condition as poor, 66% as fair, 21% as good, and 2% as excellent. The Panhandle and East Central District reported mostly good conditions. The other districts are mostly fair to good. The recent moisture has allowed some farmers to finally plant and for others to replant wheat. Spotty fields and uneven growth are still reported and most areas need moisture before the ground freezes.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are short in 90% of the counties reporting. Cattle on corn and milo stubble fields are making good use of these fields, requiring only limited supplemental feeding. Some cattle are being moved to "new" stalk fields as they finish gleaning the early fields. Close culling is continuing over the State.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1974

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	65	-4	27	.01
	Scottsbluff	65	-3	23	T
	Sidney	61	2	28	T
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	53	5	25	.01
NE	Norfolk	44	15	26	.04
	Sioux City	44	14	28	.09
CEN	Grand Island	49	14	26	.01
EC	Lincoln	49	14	28	.07
	Omaha	50	16	30	.47
SW	Imperial	60	-1	27	0
	North Platte	52	1	24	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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